

It is my firm conviction that public service is the highest calling, one that demands the most dedicated efforts of those who have the opportunity to serve their fellow citizens and country. Throughout his career Bruce has exemplified a firm commitment to meeting this demand, constantly and tirelessly devoting his energy to improving Maryland airports and the community through his education initiatives that have fostered local interest in aviation and encouraged adolescents to remain in school.

It has been a pleasure working with a man who has followed his passion to make aviation safer, more efficient, and accessible to young people. I want to extend my personal congratulations and thanks for his years of hard work and dedication and wish him the best in his future endeavors.●

#### HONORING DR. DONALD DAHLIN

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to publicly congratulate Dr. Donald Dahlin who is retiring from his position as Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of South Dakota. He will be returning to the Department of Political Science where he will be teaching American Government and Constitutional Law on a part-time basis.

As the Vice President for Academic Affairs over the past 7 years, Don has further enhanced the ideals and principles upon which the University of South Dakota stands. Much has been accomplished during his tenure. Of particular note is the progress made on a strategic plan and implementation of the First Year Experience and IdEA programs.

University of South Dakota President James W. Abbott said that the University of South Dakota has benefited greatly from Dr. Dahlin's service.

As a new president without academic experience, I was extremely fortunate to have been the beneficiary of Don Dahlin's wisdom and expertise.

Don has provided leadership in many different roles. He served as the acting President at USD, Chair of the Department of Political Science, and Director of the Criminal Justice Studies Program. He also served the State as Secretary of the Department of Public Safety as well as the Nation as an active consultant in the field of law enforcement, public safety, the judiciary and court management.

Don's leadership and character is exactly what the USD community and education field in South Dakota needs to evolve and survive in the future. I wish nothing but the best for him and his family. It is with great honor that I share his impressive accomplishments with my colleagues.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITED STATES-AUSTRALIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (FTA)—PM 90

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I am pleased to transmit legislation and supporting documents prepared by my Administration to implement the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (FTA). This Agreement adds an important dimension to our bilateral relationship with a steadfast ally in the global economic and strategic arena. This FTA will enhance the prosperity of the people of the United States and Australia, serve the interest of expanding U.S. commerce, and advance our overall national interest.

My Administration is committed to securing a level playing field and creating opportunities for America's workers, farmers, and businesses. The United States and Australia already enjoy a strong trade relationship. The U.S.-Australia FTA will further open Australia's market for U.S. manufactured goods, agricultural products, and services, and will promote new growth in our bilateral trade. As soon as this FTA enters into force, tariffs will be eliminated on almost all manufactured goods traded between our countries, providing significant export opportunities for American manufacturers. American farmers will also benefit due to the elimination of tariffs on all exports of U.S. agricultural products.

The U.S.-Australia FTA will also benefit small- and medium-sized businesses and their employees. Such firms already account for a significant amount of bilateral trade. The market opening resulting from this Agreement presents opportunities for those firms looking to start or enhance participation in global trade.

In negotiating this FTA, my Administration was guided by the negotiating objectives set out in the Trade Act of 2002. The Agreement's provisions on agriculture represent a balanced response to those seeking improved access to Australia's markets, through immediate elimination of tariffs on U.S. exports and mechanisms to resolve sanitary and phytosanitary issues and facilitate trade between our countries, while recognizing the sensitive nature

of some U.S. agricultural sectors and their possible vulnerability to increased imports.

The U.S.-Australia FTA also reinforces the importance of creativity and technology to both of our economies. The Agreement includes rules providing for strong protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights, promotes the use of electronic commerce, and provides for increased cooperation between our agencies on addressing anticompetitive practices, financial services, telecommunications, and other matters.

The Agreement memorializes our shared commitment to labor and environmental issues. The United States and Australia have worked in close cooperation on these issues in the past and will pursue this strategy and commitment to cooperation in bilateral and global fora in the future.

With the approval of this Agreement and passage of the implementing legislation by the Congress, we will advance U.S. economic, security, and political interests, and set an example of the benefits of free trade and democracy for the world.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 6, 2004.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 28, 2004, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2507. An act to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to provide children with increased access to food and nutrition assistance, to simplify program operations and improve program management, to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the enrolled bill was signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. WARNER) during the adjournment of the Senate, on June 28, 2004.

Under authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the Secretary of the Senate, on July 1, 2004, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1731. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish penalties for aggravated identity theft, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3846. An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement or contract with Indian tribes meeting certain criteria to carry out projects to protect Indian forest land.

Under the authority of the order of January 7, 2003, the enrolled bills were signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS) during the adjournment of the Senate, on July 6, 2004.